

Grand Rapids Planning Commission

Minutes August 11, 2008

Present: Chairman Raymond Weber; members; Rod Dorski, Eugene Zager, Jeanne Fehrman, Mike Spiech and Lori Edwards, Town Dorski moved, Zager second, unanimously dispensed with reading and approved July 28, 2008 minutes.

1. Shane Benitz: 1311 45th Street S., Conditional Use Permit for videography home based business. Father-in-law present to answer questions. Father-in-law stated that Benitz takes videos of different occasions or events, takes them home where he edits them: then sends or delivers to clients.

Spiech moved, Edwards second to recommend approval to the Town Board for this Conditional Use Permit for a home based business. Vote Unanimous

2. Doug Hanneman: 7111 Townline Rd., has presented a Certified Survey Map dividing parcel #07-01041 into lot #1 and outlot #1 and creating CSM's for lot #1, outlot #1, lot #2 and lot #3. Closer examination of the presented CSM shows existing lot #2 now to be too small to be an Agricultural lot due to the new road dedication of 40'. Hannemans' currently have farm animals and wish to remain agricultural. They have decided to table their petition at this time to review their options with their surveyor.

Dorski moved, Zager second recommend tabling review until Hannemans' have a chance to talk to their surveyor and present a new CSM. Vote Unanimous

8. Zoning Administrators Report: Fuehrer reported that Justin Conner, Wood County Planning and Zoning mentioned that there will be another meeting in September or October of this year for the East Arterial Study and he has sent some information for us to review.

Fuehrer also reports that the foundation at 6111 Pointe Haven Dr. owned by Dave Ramsden has been examined by a professional engineer and he has stated with required modifications it would be suitable for a new dwelling foundation. Discussed were the requirements that would be placed on the property to receive a new permit.

Fuehrer reported to the Planning Commission the property at 7420 Dewberry Ln. owned by Gene Kewin stated that today she had been contacted by Mr. Kewin and that they would come into her office and acquire to permits to start repairs by the end of next week. Fuehrer also stated that there were other violations that will need to be taken care of to bring this dwelling up to the UDC dwelling code standards.

Fuehrer has brought to the attention of the Planning Commission the property located at 1831 Shamrock Lane. This is a vacant lot with a garage that is being used as a dwelling. Discussed the process used at the time and the ramifications of the process now and then. May consider in the future recording a restriction on the deed

9. Other Public Input: Chairman Weber inquired as to two agenda items on the next Town Board meeting agenda dated for Tuesday August 12, 2008. First item (#18) is the excepting of 2 small parcels of land in the town and the towns' involvement. The second item (#19) that he wished to bring up was the vacating of the alleyway in Edgewood Acres Subdivision. Fehrman stated that the Town Board had been approached about the location of an alleyway in Edgewood Acres Subdivision as the mapping and the staking differ.

Mike Spiech stated he wished to go on record stating his appreciation to Bill Clendenning for the article in regards to Quarrying and our Comprehensive Planning. Spiech also suggested we may want to look into tightening our Ordinance in regards to Quarrying.

Rodney Dorski suggested we may also want to look into our recycling Ordinance to regulate dumping in the town in the future, mentioning how other municipalities are having waste hauled in from other areas and having nuclear waste dumped in their areas because there are no Ordinances preventing this.

Spiech also mentioned that the town may want to look into our Sign Ordinance to allow special signs for Occasional uses such as seasonal sale events.

Tentative meeting date---September 8,2008 Zager moved, Dorski second, adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Planning Commission Secretary

Lorelei Fuehrer